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WHILE EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF MCGILL HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY THE WAR, THE LATTER HAS CALLED FORTH BEST IN US, SAYS REPORT

"Carry On," the National Watchword, Has Been Adopted and Made Its Own by the University—Total Honour Roll of University is Now 1,745—133 Have Been Killed in Action and 160 Wounded—69 Decorations Have Been Awarded to Past Students of McGill—The McGill Campus One of the Great Rallying Points of Canadian Patriotism—Pressing Problems of the New McGill Suspended for Duration of the War—Introduction of Compulsory Military Drill.

"The session was one of great strain and continuous effort. With so many McGill men enrolled for active service, the great decrease from the normal number of our students was painfully apparent, and the teaching service also suffered by the enlistment of many of the best and brightest of the staff. The most the University could do was to adopt and make its own the national watch-word 'Carry on!' This is the spirit which animates us still in what is now the third year of the war." These are the opening words of the Annual Report of the Governors, Principal and Fellows of the University for the session which was released from the presses yesterday. The report gives a comprehensive outline of all the work accomplished by the University during last session, and pays particular attention to the war record of the University. A supplementary Roll of Honour published in connection with the report brings the total known enlistment of members of the staff, graduates, undergraduates and past students up to 1,745. Of these, up to December 1, 1916, 133 have been killed in action, and 160 wounded, while sixty-nine decorations have been awarded to McGill men for gallantry in the field.

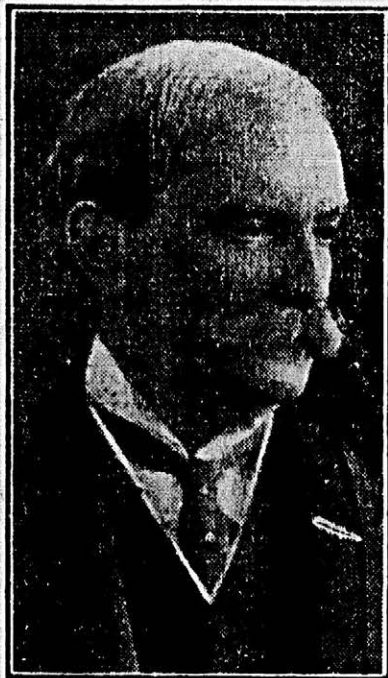
"From the material point of view," reads the report, "the great loss of revenue consequent on the withdrawal of so many students is a factor that is bound to operate more and more unfavourably as time goes on; it can be overcome, and in point of fact has been largely overcome so far, by the most rigid economy in every department of our work. The deficit on last year's operations threatened to amount to as much as fifty thousand dollars; we owe it to the most careful financial administration, the credit for which is greatly due to our Bursar, Mr. W. Vaughan, that in the end it was reduced to ten. For the session now current the outlook can hardly be considered so promising.

"But the moral factor has once again proved itself greater than the material. If the educational situation is full of difficulty, we have the satisfaction of knowing that McGill is playing its part in what even neutrals are coming to recognize more and more as the greatest crisis in all history. Everything promised fair, under normal conditions, for the successful progress of the work of the University. Many pressing problems—such as the whole scheme of student-residences—were about to be undertaken on lines that would have written a new chapter in the history of McGill. But the war has put a stop to everything. On the other hand, it has called forth the best there is in us. Although the educational development of the University has been sadly and suddenly arrested, it has been given the opportunity of showing itself capable of performing 'justly, skillfully, and magnanimously,' as Milton said, all the offices, both public and private, of war as well as of peace. Summer and winter alike, our Campus has echoed to the tread of marching men; it has been one of the great rallying points of Canadian patriotism. And those who have taken their training there have carried the name and fame of McGill to many a distant field. In the ranks of our own graduates, students and teaching staff, the losses have been heavy and great. We bear in our hearts the names of many who will no more be seen at work among us. They have joined the glorious company of those who in this war have laid down their lives that liberty may live. We cherish their memory, and take fresh courage from the sacrifices they have made.

"The records of Corporation and of the several Faculties, including Macdonald College, show that all possible support was given throughout the session to the efforts of the Committee on Military Studies to secure for all students the opportunity of military training. In this way, while responding to the urgent call of duty and patriotism, an approach has at the same time been made to a solution of the long-discussed problem of compulsory physical exercise. There is more agreement now than formerly in the view that, as the best fruit of educational effort, the development of a good physique must rank alongside of the training of character and intelligence. Due recognition should be given in this connection not only to the unselfish labours of Colonel Robert Starke and his officers, but also to the efforts of our Department of Physical Education and its work among the school teachers of the Province.

The report then deals in considerable detail with the introduction of compulsory military drill in the University, several quotations being made from the Minutes of Corporation. "Experience will show," says the report, "how far such a measure of compulsory outdoor exercise as is now provided operates as a help and how far it will prove (as some students complain) a hindrance to academic study."

"The changed conditions brought about by the war have rendered it inexpedient for the present," continues the report, "to take up the failure of the Militia Council at Ottawa to carry out the arrangement made with the University as far back as the year 1907 for the allocation of commissions in the Permanent Force of Canada, as well as for certain privileges in connection therewith obtainable by those who are known to the War Office in London as 'University Candidates.' It is to be hoped that, in connection with any permanent scheme of military education which



W. Peterson.

THE ROLL OF HONOR TO DEC. 1, 1916.

ENLISTMENTS.	
Staff	75
Graduates	939
Undergraduates	604
Past Students	186

Names appearing twice	59
Total	1,745

DECORATIONS.	
Victoria Cross	2
D. S. O.	16
Military Cross	31
D. C. M.	2
Military Medal	5
Despatches	13
.....	69

CASUALTIES.	
Killed in Action.	
Staff	3
Graduates	72
Undergraduates	42
Past Students	16
.....	133

Wounded.	
Staff	2
Graduates	87
Undergraduates	47
Past Students	24
.....	160

may be organized at McGill, the authorities of the Militia Department will reconsider their present attitude; meanwhile the progress that is being made in the matter by the Universities in England, notably by those at Leeds and London, will continue to be held up as a model for imitation.

"In addition to the Honour Roll of enlistments for active service, reference may be made to the long list of decorations conferred on McGill men at the front. This list includes two Victoria Crosses (Captain P. A. C. Scrimgeour and the late Lance-Corporal Fred Fisher); two Companionships of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; sixteen Distinguished Service Orders; thirty Military Crosses; two Distinguished Conduct Medals; and seven Military Medals. About a score of our men have been mentioned in despatches.

"Out of an enlistment of 1,504, the casualties up to date have been 133 killed and 162 wounded.
"Our Hospital Unit (Canadian General No. 3 McGill), has been winning golden opinions by its service at the front. The Principal of the University had the pleasure of receiving from Sir Arthur Sloquet, K.C.B., Director General of Medical Services, British Forces in the Field, under date 2nd April, 1916, a letter in which he

spoke of his 'immense appreciation' of the splendid work performed by the unit under Colonel Birkett's command. The following is an extract:—'After almost a year's service in France, I can say with confidence that the Commandant and all ranks of the staff have been indefatigable in the performance of their duties, and I can assure you their valuable services have been highly appreciated by every one in the British Army in the field, from the Commander-in-Chief downwards. They have kept up the high reputation which their combatant comrades in arms have established as a magnificent fighting force, and the admiration of the whole world.'"

After treating of the organization and departure overseas of the 271st Canadian Siege Battery (McGill), and of the 148th Overseas Battalion, affiliated with the McGill C.O.T.C., (referred to as "one of the most efficient and best prepared units that has left Canada for the fighting front"), the report reviews the connection of Lt.-Col. A. A. Magee with the University and with the conferring of honorary degrees upon H. M. the King of the Belgians, and upon Dr. J. A. Nicholson, the Registrar. "In different circumstances some progress might have been expected to be made in the course of the session with two projects which have long been under consideration—the first for the erection of a new University Gymnasium on the Pine Avenue site, and the second for the construction of the main block of residences," says the report. "Both are delayed by the war. All that we have been able to do for the second scheme—in addition to certain conferences with representatives of the student body was to obtain further expert advice from Mr. Frank Miles Day, of Philadelphia, and Mr. Frank Darling, of Toronto, as regards the conditions of the whole problem. A model of the general plan of Macdonald Park is now in course of preparation, and the Board of Governors is ready to take advantage of any favourable development such as will enable it to make a beginning of the work."

The remainder of the Principal's report is taken up by a review of the work done in the different departments of the University.

Points from the Report.

Both the department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics have been actively connected with research work connected with the war. Dr. Barnes has assisted the Militia Department in examining and testing several inventions, and Dr. King has been engaged in special work for the Board of Inventions and Research.

The total number of students in attendance at the Affiliated Theological Colleges was 187; that at the University proper 1,397.
Donations and Endowments include one from the estate of the late Lord Strathcona of \$42,000 for the maintenance of the Royal Victoria College, and one from the Chancellor, Sir William Macdonald, of \$26,000, for the erection of a filtration plant at Macdonald College.

Eighty undergraduates of the Faculty of Arts enlisted during last session, a total of 200 undergraduates of the Faculty now being on active service.

During the summer \$94 per cent. of the students of the Faculty of Applied Science worked on an average of 3.6 months at tasks connected with their professional training.

The Faculty of Science has 35 decorations to its credit.

Two of the sketches made at the front by the late Sgt. J. L. A. Robertson, Arch. '15, now hang in the Architectural Drawing room, the gift of Mrs. Robertson.

The results of a series of investigations on the distribution of stress in riveted bolts will be published by Mr. C. Batho shortly.

361 graduates and 106 students of the Faculty of Medicine are on active service.

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Mr. Lovell Murray Addresses
Largest Meeting Held in
Three Years.

A very helpful meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon in the Common Room of the R. V. C. Miss Jamieson, General Secretary of the Montreal Y. W. C. A., opened the meeting with prayer; then after the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Lovell Murray addressed the students on the subject, "The Bearing of the War on the World Wide Programme of Christianity."

Mr. Murray said that as we thought of this awful war, and the sacrifice involved, we would recognize that there was something radically wrong, and we would ask the question, "Has Christianity Failed?" We must inquire into the "ospel that we preach, before we try to spread it over all the world."

Internationalism, said Mr. Murray, is a dangerous thing, unless Christianity, too, is international. All our impact on other nations must be thoroughly Christian. Too many people say that their time and money are needed at home; that they cannot go abroad to spread the gospel, and leave the needs at home. This is not the proper attitude for Christians.

When our faith wavers before the state that the war has caused in Europe, how can the non-Christian nations believe? It is inevitable that they should wonder at Christianity when such horrors are being committed by Christian nations. Deplorable representatives are sent from the conquering nation to conquered India. Small wonder is it that these non-Christians are not desirous of becoming Christians.

Parallel to the horrors enacted in Europe, a different work has to be carried on, a different attitude adopted towards the people in the East. The call is coming with greater appeal to the women of Canada to do their share in Christianizing the world.

We ought as Christians to attach something permanent to the sympathy aroused by the war. Many people have responded to this need, but when the war is over, into what channels will these sympathies flow? In the heathen lands are wrongs which we could not dream of. Could we not duplicate these sympathies, and use them in this age-long cause.

Mr. Murray then closed the meeting with prayer.

It may be interesting to note that this was the biggest meeting of the Y. W. C. A. for three years.

A course in foreign diplomacy has been incorporated into the Yale curriculum.

WHAT'S ON.

TODAY.
2-4 p.m.—R. V. C. hockey practice.
5-6 p.m.—Meeting Y. M. C. A. Board of Directors.
5-15 p.m.—Athletic Association.

COMING.
Feb. 1st.—9-10 a.m.—R.V.C. hockey practice.
Feb. 6th.—Special Convocation for Meds.

SUICIDE IS VERDICT IN THE GORRELL CASE

McGill Graduate Took His Own
Life While Insane.

A London despatch says:—Little beyond what had already become known was revealed at the coroner's inquest on Saturday into the death early last week following poisoning of Col. (Dr.) Charles Gorrell (Med. '94), formerly commander of the Canadian hospital at Taplow. The jury returned a verdict of "suicide while temporarily insane."

Col. Alexander, the Canadian Judge Advocate General, was one of the witnesses. Testifying concerning the hospital administration at Taplow, Col. Alexander said nothing had been charged against the deceased except slight breaches of discipline, although the Judge Advocate General had been ordered, at the request of the Red Cross Society, not to allow Col. Gorrell to leave England.

Dr. Gorrell called upon him frequently, Col. Alexander said, asking when he would be permitted to return to Canada, as he had been relieved of his commission. The Judge Advocate General said he told him that the Red Cross wished him to remain in England, as the authorities in that society were not sure if they wanted another enquiry. The witness said Dr. Gorrell called upon him last Monday and that he advised him to apply direct to Sir George Perley for permission to go back to Canada. The doctor seemed very grieved, Col. Alexander said, and used to say:—"Why do they hold me here? Why don't they let me go home?"

Mrs. Mary McDonagh, formerly of Regina, at whose house Dr. Gorrell lived, said that on Thursday the late Colonel asked her to witness his will. "This worry," he had said to her, "is more than any human being can stand. If they would only sentence me, or fine me. But I cannot stand the worry."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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last paragraph of the article, as presented to you, was left out when the Daily appeared. This paragraph gave the substance of a resolution passed by the class to the effect that Arts '17 put itself on record as expressing its sympathy to the "Lit." at the attitude which the Students' Council had seen fit to adopt towards the Society.

We recognize truly the fact that the Students' Council controls the Daily, but we do not think that a necessary consequence of this lies in the suppression of items of fact referring to themselves, while they at the same time allow the publication of things which might very easily involve them in a charge of libel or at least in a public apology.

Of course we see that this will not be the reason which you will offer; your excuse will very likely be that there was not sufficient space. And so, Mr. Editor, we ask on behalf of the class that in future, when you are not able to publish the complete substance of our reports, you will consign the whole article to the waste paper basket.

Thanking you for the space,
Yours sincerely,
G. W. BOURKE,
President Arts '17.
O. HERZBERG,
Secretary, Arts '17.
January 30, 1917.

PITTS WAS ELECTED BASKETBALL CAPTAIN

About Fourteen Men Were in
Attendance at the Practice
Last Night.

After the practice of the senior basketball squad last night, the members held a short meeting to decide the captaincy of the team for the year. In the voting that took place, Pitts and Hartz were both put up for office. Pitts was elected.

The practice last night developed some very good work on the part of the forwards, but the defence was a source of a great deal of trouble. There are very few men out who can play that position sufficiently well to satisfy the management. It is probable that there will be some very radical change in the personnel of the team before the Shamrock game. Hartz, with his old partner Pitts, at forward, again played a great game, and Pitts scored several nice ones to show that he still has it in him. The Juniors are all working satisfactorily, and displaying very consistent work in all departments. The arrangements for the Shamrock game have not been completed, but it is not probable that the game will be played this week.

WOMAN'S WAR REGISTER.

The Federation of University Women Graduates of England have since Sept., 1915, conducted a Register of University Women for War Service, and have thus anticipated by 18 months the demand for a "parcel of educated women" about which correspondence in the English press has lately had so much to say. They made their own Register, appealing to 7,000 University graduates; they provided their own office, first in a private house, and then in one of the historic "school-houses" of London, the Graycoat Hospital, Westminster.

When all was well organized and the hospital had justified its existence by a six months' trial they asked to be housed in the same office as the Official Professional Women's Register in the Employment Department of the Board of Trade. During that six months half the posts which the University Register had supplied had been filled by women with scientific or mathematical degrees; three draughtsmen at the Kingsworth Naval Air Station; one as accountant in a large commercial firm, two as assistants in the Actuarial departments of large insurance offices, one as assistant in the X-ray department of a Military Hospital, one as laboratory steward in a laboratory for research on explosives under the Admiralty, one as assistant engineer in the Westinghouse Electric Co. The non-scientific placings included an agricultural organizer under the Board of Trade at £250 per year; two Censors, two average adjusters in a city firm, three supervisors in munitions factories, an Economic lecturer at Leeds, an agriculturalist to develop small holdings, in spite of the varied range of employers, graduates with Arts degrees were at first not easy to place. This was changed, however, when in March the Civil Service raised its scale of payment for University women from 25s. to £2 a week.

Twenty-two higher grade clerks have now been appointed throughout the Service to the Admiralty, the Ministry of Munitions, the Air Board, the Public Trustee Office, the Home-grown Timber Commission, the Military Service Civil Liabilities Commission, and the Petrol Supply Committee.

The University Register was taken over last September by the Board of Trade, which recognizes the co-operation of a committee of the Federation of University Women. Women of special qualification are brought in to touch with work for which their capacity and training makes their services of special value, the Government being the largest employer in munition factory, scientific laboratory, military hospital and Civil Service.

In the field of voluntary work the Register has been of direct service to the war. It was able to supply Woolwich Arsenal with 150 voluntary services at 16s. a week, in voluntary order to work out a scheme for the Projectile Department. Their service is said to have been a most important one, and without the services of skilled volunteers the scheme could not have been completed.

"CUPID COLLEGE."

Again there is something the matter with Kansas. This time the scene of the eruption is Baker University, which is located in Baldwin or round which the little town of Baldwin has grown up since the university went there in 1858. Baker, of course, is co-educational more than half of its 500 students being young ladies. When every member of a recent graduating class was engaged to marry before commencement day Dr. Mason, the president, began to understand why they were calling the institution "Cupid College" in that part of Kansas. It was no mere coincidence that the students had named the college annual "The Orange Blossom." Then came a little informal party at which seven couples, all in the lower classes, simultaneously made known their engagements.

Could co-education go farther than that? President Mason was afraid that it might. He has therefore issued an order officially "canning" the Cupid Person, and warning all interested parties that "spooning, queening, fussing, lallygagging, soft-soaping and mashing" will no longer be tolerated.

PLATOON NO. 12 VS. PLATOON NO. 11.

The first signs of inter-platoon sport in the C. O. T. C. came to light yesterday, when Platoon No. 12 (V. S. Green), challenged Platoon No. 11 (G. W. Burke), to a game of hockey. A meeting of Platoon No. 12 and a representative from No. 11 will be held in the Arts Building Smoking Room at 1.00 p.m. to-day. The mystery of the challenge is that Platoon No. 11 has several individual stars, and everybody wonders why No. 12 picked on No. 11.

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The College is a Government Institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving instruction in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact, it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

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The annual competitive examination for admission to the college, takes place in May of each year at the headquarters of the several military districts.

For full particulars regarding this examination and for any other information, application should be made to the secretary of the Militia Commission, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.



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COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF FOOTERS CLUB

Student Legislators Pass on Important Matters at Meeting.

The Students' Council at its regular meeting held in the Union last night, moved in the matter of the formation of a Footers Club, and the holding of a procession of students to attend the hockey game with Laval University, physical director of the Athletic Association, was instructed to take in hand the necessary arrangements for the demonstration, which it is anticipated will lead to a revival of college spirit. The Students' Band will be asked to take part.

Frank H. Common, president of the Council, announced the appointment of Messrs. Schiedel and Smelzer to the committee to draft election regulations for presentation first to the Council, and afterwards to the Students' Society. Mr. Schiedel took occasion to remark that the state of affairs at the last election in Arts was not half as bad as had been represented, and that it was not worse than in previous elections.

An estimate of the operations of the Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Club was presented and adopted. A letter was read from the secretary of the Royal Victoria College Undergraduates' Society requesting that the editor and assistant editor of the McGill Daily be granted constitutional standing as associate editors. On motion it was resolved that in view of the fact that the Students' Council cannot legally legislate in the matter of non-members of the Students' Society, it could not accede to the request of the Royal Victoria College Undergraduates' Society, while it fully appreciated the value of the services rendered by the Royal Victoria College editorial staff. The President of the Daily was instructed to communicate with the R. V. C. Undergraduates' Society with a view to explaining the constitutional difficulties which lie in the way of acceding to the request.

A request was read from D. Clark Hyde, president of the Literary and Debating Society, asking for the right to use funds granted to the Society under its appropriation without regard to the division mentioned in the appropriation. The President of the Council was authorized to deal with any application from the Literary and Debating Society in this regard.

Those present at the meeting were Frank B. Common, president; H. R. Morgan, vice-president; W. H. Gerrie, Athletic Association; D. C. Smelzer, Track Club; W. H. Schiedel, Science representative; K. P. Tsolainos, Arts representative; A. H. Greenwood, Football Club; T. P. Dillon, Law representative.

Just as soon as he learns of his success in the recently-conducted final examinations in Fifth Year Medicine, Arthur S. Lamb, past president of the Students' Council of the University, physical director of the University, advisor of athletics, and one of the most prominent students at McGill, will forward his application to the Militia authorities for a commission in the Canadian Army Medical Corps for service overseas.

"Dad" Lamb is president of the class of Medicine '17, and although a married man with a family, has resolved to offer his services. When he enlists there will be a number of his classmates with him. Born in Ballarat, Australia, in 1886, Mr. Lamb came to Canada nine years ago, and took up residence in Vancouver, B.C. in that city he was for some time assistant physical director of the Y. M. C. A. Later he went to Springfield, Mass., and there took a course in Physical Education which entitles him to use the initials P.D., after his name. In 1912 he came to McGill, and was immediately chosen vice-president of his class. In the following year he became president of the class and was appointed director of gymnastics, a post which he still holds. He was president of the Athletic Association and vice-president of the Students' Council in 1914-15, and president of the Students' Council in 1915-16. Last year Mr. Lamb was created advisor on athletics, and was again elected president of his class in its graduating year.

Mr. Lamb's capacity for work is simply prodigious. At the time he was president of the Students' Council, he was in addition physical instructor to the C.O.T.C., director of gymnastics at the classes in the Central Y.M.C.A., lecturer on physical education in the School of Physical Education, and the holder of half a dozen other offices about the University. Yet when the examination results came out "Dad" was listed as Fourth Year prizeman. The summer course held last summer was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Lamb. As an athlete he has no mean reputation, and besides taking part in all forms of sport he held at one time the fifty yards swimming championship of British Columbia.

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INTERESTING LETTER FROM SCIENCE MAN

Bomb. Rowat, Son of Dr. Rowat, Med '86, Writes Home.

FIGHTING ON THE SOMME.

The Irish Navy is Name Given to The British Land Ships.

How he passed safely through one of the heaviest engagements in the fighting on the Somme front is related in a letter received by Dr. Rowat, Med. '86, Atholstan, Que., from his son, Bombardier William Rowat, of the Faculty of Science. Bomb. Rowat describes in interesting detail the progress of a wiring party of which he was a member towards the front line, its engagement with a detachment of German bombers, the arrival of an infantry company at the opportune moment, and the subsequent occupation of the conquered trenches under very heavy shellfire.

The letter reads: "As you must know from reading the papers, the Canadians spent quite a number of months on the Somme front, and I have been in a good many of the battles which you have read about, and which took place at Pozieres, Courcellette, Martinpuich and the matter of I ever came through them all without a scratch is a mystery to me, save that the hand of God has guided and protected me through every seeming death-trap. I recall one terrible night, that of the 15th of September, when I, along with two officers and 15 signallers, were detailed by the Colonel to establish a line of communication from the front line back to the batteries and H. Q. S. At twelve o'clock midnight, we set forth wending our way single file through pitch darkness towards the distant flares that rose from time to time denoting the front lines of friend and foe alike. We eventually arrived within a few hundred yards of our destination, only to come under a terrible rain of shell fire from the enemy's field artillery. We immediately began to run out our wires with the utmost speed, and after much falling and tumbling through shell holes and over dead and mutilated bodies, we arrived at a badly battered support trench, where we established an intermediate station, leaving three signallers and a telephone to test out the lines and repair them when broken by shell fire. We then continued our line up to the forward trench, where we were suddenly attacked by a company of German bombers. Two of our men were killed outright, one officer left in a dying condition, and the other, a very plucky fellow, although wounded in the left hand, drew his Colt and shot down three Huns. A company of our own infantry came rushing up at the critical moment and the Germans were either killed or taken prisoners. We then established a terminal station in the regained trench, and, after crouching there for 5 or 6 hours, under a nerve trying bombardment, which put many around us out of action, we were ordered to prepare for the attack. By this time everything had become quiet and an ominous stillness pervaded the atmosphere, then, with a crash that would have made ordinary thunder seem insignificant, the thousand or more giant guns of our girded army belched forth fire, our machine guns situated in rows behind the front line, opened up a tirade that would make one think that a thousand riveting machines were at work. The Irish Navy (Tanks) now made its appearance, and with a blood curdling yell, infantry, tanks, and all went bang into the German lines, carrying all before them. Such is an attack, dear mother, and although I could fill many pages with like experiences and tales, I will refrain from harrowing you with things that are terrible as hell can possibly be. We are out of action now and will not be sent into any hot places this winter, so hope to come through all right."

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WOMEN PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AT U. OF C.

One Hundred and Forty-two Women Signed up for Basketball.

Although Varsity teams have been practically abolished, intercollegiate athletics for women are on the ascendancy in the University of California, as shown by the fact that 142 women have already signed up for basketball this term. Intercollegiate interclass contests have taken the place of the former Varsity competition.

Before this system was established two years ago less than nine per cent. of the women students were enrolled in sports; at present over double that per cent. are taking part in matches. Since the interclass games have started there have usually been contests in the various lines of women's sports every Friday.

All women's sports are managed by students themselves, the only supervision being that of coaching by members of the physical education department. From an "athletic field" which consisted of the small basket-

GENERAL CHEMISTRY RESULTS ARE POSTED

Honours Secured by 23 in First Year Medicine Examination.

The results of the General Chemistry examination in First Year Medicine are as follows:

- HONOURS.**
- 1—P. Heinbecker.
 - 2—H. J. Whitting.
 - 3—E. E. Thompson.
 - 4—M. Freedman.
 - 5—W. N. McPhail.
 - 6—H. Gaboury.
 - 7—A. B. Hawthorn.
 - 8—H. LeR. Dawson.
 - 9—F. Bernstein.
 - 10—Wm. Malamund.
 - 11—J. Lande.
 - 12—M. Greenberg.
 - 13—B. Ellasoph.
 - 14—G. Stroom.
 - 15—S. G. Kenning.
 - 16—O. P. Beamish.
 - 17—W. W. Eakin.
 - 18—H. R. Cooder and R. R. Wyseman.
 - 19—P. McIntyre.
 - 20—T. E. Mapplebeck.
 - 21—T. G. Browne.
 - 22—C. T. Fink.

PASS LIST.

F. G. L. Beall, O. F. Beamish, E. J. Behan, F. Bernstein, R. J. Booth, J. L. Bristol, T. G. Browne, A. J. Bulger, H. M. Candlish, E. B. Chandler, H. R. Cooder, W. L. Crewson, J. H. Cully, H. LeR. Dawson, G. F. Dowdall, E. O. DuVernet, W. W. Eakin, B. Ellasoph, C. T. Fink, M. Freedman, H. Gaboury, Dixon George, J. H. B. Grant, M. Greenberg, G. H. Harkin, A. B. Hawthorn, P. Heinbecker, C. S. Hornbeck, J. C. Humphreys, P. S. Ironstone, W. D. S. Jamieson, P. J. Kearns, S. G. Kenning, L. M. J. Lally, J. Lande, R. D. Landor, A. Levitt, J. McDonald, P. McIntyre, W. N. McPhail, B. McTeigue, Wm. Malamund, T. E. Mapplebeck, H. J. Naud, J. J. Robillard, E. J. Ryan, M. Scherzer, B. Silverman, H. B. Smith, A. Strassberg, Geo. Stroom, E. E. Thompson, S. J. Usher, F. B. Wert, H. J. Whitting, R. R. Wyseman.

DEPARTMENT OF DENTISTRY.

First Year Chemistry.
HONOURS.—I. S. A. MacSweeney; 2. I. Peaser.
PASS: In order of merit—S. A. MacSweeney, I. Peaser, M. E. Adams, G. J. Cassidy, B. Ratner, A. L. Walsh, Henry Gottlieb, L. S. Eldinger, James Dance.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL MUCH APPRECIATED

Arts '17 Soldier Sends His Thanks to Classmates at College.

Writing from France in acknowledgment of the Christmas parcel sent by the classes of R. V. C. '17 and Arts '17, Pte. Gordon N. Maxwell, 530575, of the 9th Canadian Field Ambulance Corps, says: "One of the pleasant surprises during this Christmas season was the receipt of the parcel sent by you. It arrived in good condition, and the contents were thoroughly enjoyed. It brought with it many happy recollections of Old McGill.

"One is frequently reminded of the past days as he runs across many of the boys from our Alma Mater in the trenches or on the road or in the line. Two of the boys kindly forward me copies of the Daily, which are welcomed as a letter from home, and keep one in touch with matters there.

"We all hope to be with you at the beginning of next session, or rather at the college, for by that time you will have received your parchment and departed, but you will always have a place in our memories. I wish to express to you my thanks for your thoughtfulness and also extend my sincere wishes to all."

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